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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with MPEP § 601 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants and the undersigned attorney bring the following information with respect to the above-identified application to the attention of the Examiner.

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A European Search Report dated February 20, 2008, in corresponding European Patent Application No. 03738960.8 – 2310 is provided which includes an explanation of the degree of relevance determined by the European Patent Office for the above-cited patent documents.

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